(c) whether the Ministry has already taken up electrification of remote villages of the State, as a part of RREP and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, by when the Ministry would take up the same and by when they would be fully electrified?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Funds under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) are released in instalments based on the progress reported by the implementing states. Orissa State so far has availed Rs. 119.34 crore under RGGVY.

(b) As per report of Central Electricity Authority, there are 26,235 electrified villages in Orissa as on 31.03.2006.

(c) and (d) RGGVY has envisaged electrification of all the villages and habitation with population in excess of 100 except remote villages covered for electrification under Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) Programme. Rural Electrification Corporation has identified 1018 villages in the State of Orissa for electrification under Remote Village Electrification (RVE) Programme of MNRE. MNRE has sanctioned 215 villages for electrification under RVE. Electrification of 18 villages have been completed and 197 are under implementation.

Availability of power on demand

1415. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is ensuring power availability on demand, envisaged to be fully met by 2012;

(b) if so, the details worked out, so far;

(c) whether the Ministry has invited suggestions of various States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) The Seventeenth Electric Power Survey (EPS) of India published by Central Electricity Authority has projected that by the end of 11th Plan (year 2011-12) the energy requirement would be 9,68,659 Million Unit (MU) and peaking requirement would be 1,52,746 MW at the power station bus bars. Central Electricity Authority has further assessed that with the fructification of proposed capacity addition programme of 78,577 MW, shortages are likely to be eliminated.

(c) and (d) Both in respect of finalization of Seventeenth EPS Report for demand projections and State Sector capacity addition programme proposed for the 11th Plan, States were duly consulted. Furthermore, the State-wise capacity addition programme was discussed in the Conference of Chief Secretaries and Power Secretaries of States on 23rd & 24th April, 2007 and in the Chief Ministers conference held on 28th May, 2007 in New Delhi, and in the Standing Group of Ministers meeting held on 24th September, 2007.